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LOK SABHA

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AGRO INDUSTRIES IN CHHATTISGARH
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government has assessed the potential of agro industries in Chhattisgarh;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): the extent to which this scope is being utilized; and

(d): the steps taken by the Government for the development of marketing facilities in the State in order to develop agro industries on a large scale?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): To develop and promote village industries, including agro industries, in the rural areas of the country, including Chhattisgarh, Government has been implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Under the REGP, village industries are set up based on feasibility reports prepared by the entrepreneurs for which technical assistance is provided to the entrepreneurs by the KVIC, State KV Boards, etc. As such, separate assessment of the potential of agro industries in a State is not conducted under this Programme. 118 agro and food processing industry projects have been set up in Chhattisgarh State during 2003-04 under the REGP.

(d): To promote the marketing of KVI products, including those based on agro industries, 44 sales outlets managed by KVIC- assisted institutions are functioning in the State of Chhattisgarh. In addition, KVIC organizes exhibitions at the national and sub-national level to market such products.